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SUMMARY: GERMANS ALMOST CERTAIN TO WITHDRAW FROM WAY.

END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN OF GERMAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK (DNK), PETER HELMES, TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 2 ALL GERMAN YOUTH GROUPS NOW AGREE FRG SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM WAY. DNK WILL PROBABLY REACH FINAL

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DECISION IN MAY. HELMES, WHO IS ALSO SEC GEN OF

JUNGE UNION (JU - CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS' YOUTH ORGANIZATION) AND ONE OF THE MORE CONSERVATIVE JU MEMBERS, SAID JU AND CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP HAD BEEN LAST HOLDOUTS ARGUING FOR CONTINUED FRG MEMBERSHIP BUT THAT THEY TOO ARE NOW CONVINCED GERMANS SHOULD DISAFFILIATE.

2. HELMES SAYS HE CAN NO LONGER EXPLAIN TO HIS JU EXECUTIVE BOARD WHY GERMANS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY ANNUAL DUES TO WAY AS LONG AS THEY ARE UNABLE TO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER HOW WAY MONEY IS SPENT. HE CLAIMS WAY SEC GEN EXERCISES WIDE AND UNSUPERVISED POWERS OVER WHERE AND WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAMS WAY FINANCES. AT SAME TIME, WAY IN BRUSSELS IS TOO FAR REMOVED TO EFFECTIVELY OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS. HELMES CLAIMS RESULT IS THAT WAY SEMINARS, POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMS, ETC., ARE BEING EXPLOITED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, WITH LEFTISTS ALLEGING "CIA INFLUENCE" AND CONSERVATIVES SUCH AS HIMSELF CONVINCED THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE INFILTRATED MANY PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. PRIMARY REASON WHY GERMANS HAVE PUSHED FOR REGIONALISM WITHIN WAY IS TO ENSURE MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM SUPERVISION. HELMES THINKS CARRASCO FEARS DIMINUTION OF HIS OWN POWERS THROUGH REGIONALISM AND HAS BEEN "SABOTAGING" REGIONAL GROUPINGS. CARRASCO'S ABRUPT DISMISSAL OF REDDY (OR LAST MINUTE FAILURE TO RENEW HIS CONTRACT) WAS LAST STRAW FOR GERMANS.

4. HELMES SAYS GERMAN LEFTISTS HAVE BEEN SEEKING EXCUSES FOR YEARS TO WITHDRAW FROM WAY. NOW THE GERMAN CONSERVATIVES, WHO IN ANY CASE ARE CLEARLY IN THE MINORITY IN THE DNK, HAVE REACHED THE SAME DECISION, ALTHOUGH FOR THEM THE REASONS OUTLINED PARA 2, ARE GENUINE CONCERNS AND NOT A PRETEXT.

5. HELMES REMARKED THAT HE PERSONALLY MADE DECISION NOT TO ATTEND COPENHAGEN MEETING, ON GROUNDS GERMANS NEVER RECEIVED PREPARATORY PAPERS THEY REQUESTED AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DID NOT WANT TO ATTEND UNPREPARED. HE THINKS THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN VIENNA MEETING. BUT HELMES HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED HIMSELF IN DNK BOARD MEETINGS IN FAVOR OF WITHDRAWAL AND SAYS FRG DECISION TO WITHDRAW IS CERTAIN.
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